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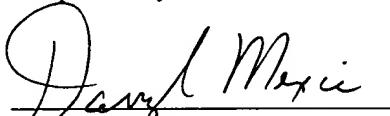
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		US 4,142,771		3/6/1979	Barnes et al.
		US 5,445,535		8/29/1995	Phillips, Jr. et al.
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## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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